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Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
RECREATIONAL LAND AND WATER ACTIVITIES

Summary. This regulation prescribes policies and procedures and assigns responsibilities for the operation and use of recreational land and water facilities/activities located/conducted on Fort Monroe.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all personnel who use recreational land and water facilities located on Fort Monroe or who participate in recreational land and water activities conducted on Fort Monroe.

Suggested improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR). Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to Commander, Fort Monroe, ATTN: IMNE-MNR-MW, 60 Ingalls Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1106. Suggestions may also be submitted using DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal).

Availability. This regulation is available on the Fort Monroe Homepage at <http://147.248.251.93/monroe/sites/local/default.asp>.

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1-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policies and procedures for the operation and use of recreational land and water facilities located at Fort Monroe.

2-1. References. Appendix A contains the required and related publications and referenced forms.

3-1. Explanation of abbreviations. Abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4-1. Responsibilities.

a. DMWR will oversee the installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs.

b. Directorate of Public works (DPW) will-

(1) Dispose of trash and debris.

(2) Conduct real property facility maintenance and repair.

(3) Issue the Exclusive Use Real Estate License, when applicable.

c. The Safety Office (SO) will periodically hose all fishing areas, as required.

d. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) will-

(1) Enforce this regulation and all other policies established by the Garrison Commander and state and federal fishing regulations.

(2) Open and close fishing areas in accordance with (IAW) this regulation. Seasonal safety factors and ongoing ceremonies will, at times, delay opening of fishing areas.

(3) Issue appropriate citations for violations and document incidents as necessary using DA Form 3975.

5-1. Fishing.

a. Eligibility. Figure 5-1 identifies all fishing areas authorized by location and eligibility status.

(1) No fishing or crabbing from the following locations: Marina piers, Chamberlain Pier, Dog Beach, Bay Breeze Beach, or the seawalls surrounding Fort Monroe.

(2) Jetties. Open to eligible identification (ID) card holders and their immediate family members only (Active Duty Military/Retired Military/DoD Civilians); 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

(3) Mill Creek Ramp. Open to eligible ID card holders and their immediate family members only; 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

(4) Moat. Fishing allowed only during designated spring and fall Striper seasons; special season dates to be announced by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

(5) Engineer Pier. Open to all on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from dawn until dusk. Wednesday - open to all from dawn until 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., open to eligible ID card holders and their immediate family members only.

(6) Finger Pier. Open to eligible ID card holders and their immediate family members only, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

(7) Old Point Comfort Marina. Fishing is permitted by slip holders and their guests only from A-dock and T-heads located at the end of each dock.

b. Fishing licenses and equipment.

(1) Personnel must have current DoD ID and Virginia Saltwater Fishing License in their possession, if applicable. Saltwater fishing licenses are required by anyone fishing with a rod and reel, hand line, spear, or any fishing device in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay or in the saltwater tidal tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

(2) Exceptions are children under 16 years of age; persons 65 years of age or older; persons fishing on a recreational boat/rental boat, head boat, or commercial fishing pier which

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has a valid Virginia fishing license covering all persons using such craft or structure; organized groups or individuals with physical or mental limitations; veterans in veterans hospitals; and school groups (K-12) with permission from the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

(3) Information and/or assistance may be obtained at Old Point Comfort Marina, (757)788-4308.

(4) Personal equipment restrictions on all fishing areas located on Fort Monroe are as follows:

a. Two fishing rods per person, 18 years of age and older; one fishing rod per person under 18 years of age.

b. Dip nets with handles exceeding 4 feet are prohibited on all fishing areas at Fort Monroe.

c. Personnel using cast nets to catch food fish must have a current state cast net license in their possession.

d. Personnel are authorized to take or catch crabs with one crab trap per person.

(5) IAW VSC 28.2-226 and 28.2-266.1, persons without a license to take crabs will be permitted to take or catch one bushel of hard shell crabs and two dozen peeler crabs per day, per household. A first violation of any regulation under the Code of Virginia in regards to fishing, crabbing, etc., is a class 3 misdemeanor; second or subsequent violations of these provisions is a class 1 misdemeanor IAW VSC 28.2.903.

c. Conduct.

(1) All patrons are responsible for the conduct of their family members and guests. They are also responsible for the proper disposal of all personal refuse into trash receptacles. Refuse such as seaweed, leftover bait, unwanted fish, crabs, etc., will not be left on seawalls or placed in trash receptacles. All refuse of this type will be thrown overboard. It is illegal to throw fishing line, paper, plastic, and other debris into the water. Doing so may lead to a fine or imprisonment, or both. All man-made materials will be deposited in proper trash receptacles or recycled.

(2) Cleaning of fish is not allowed on Fort Monroe seawalls.

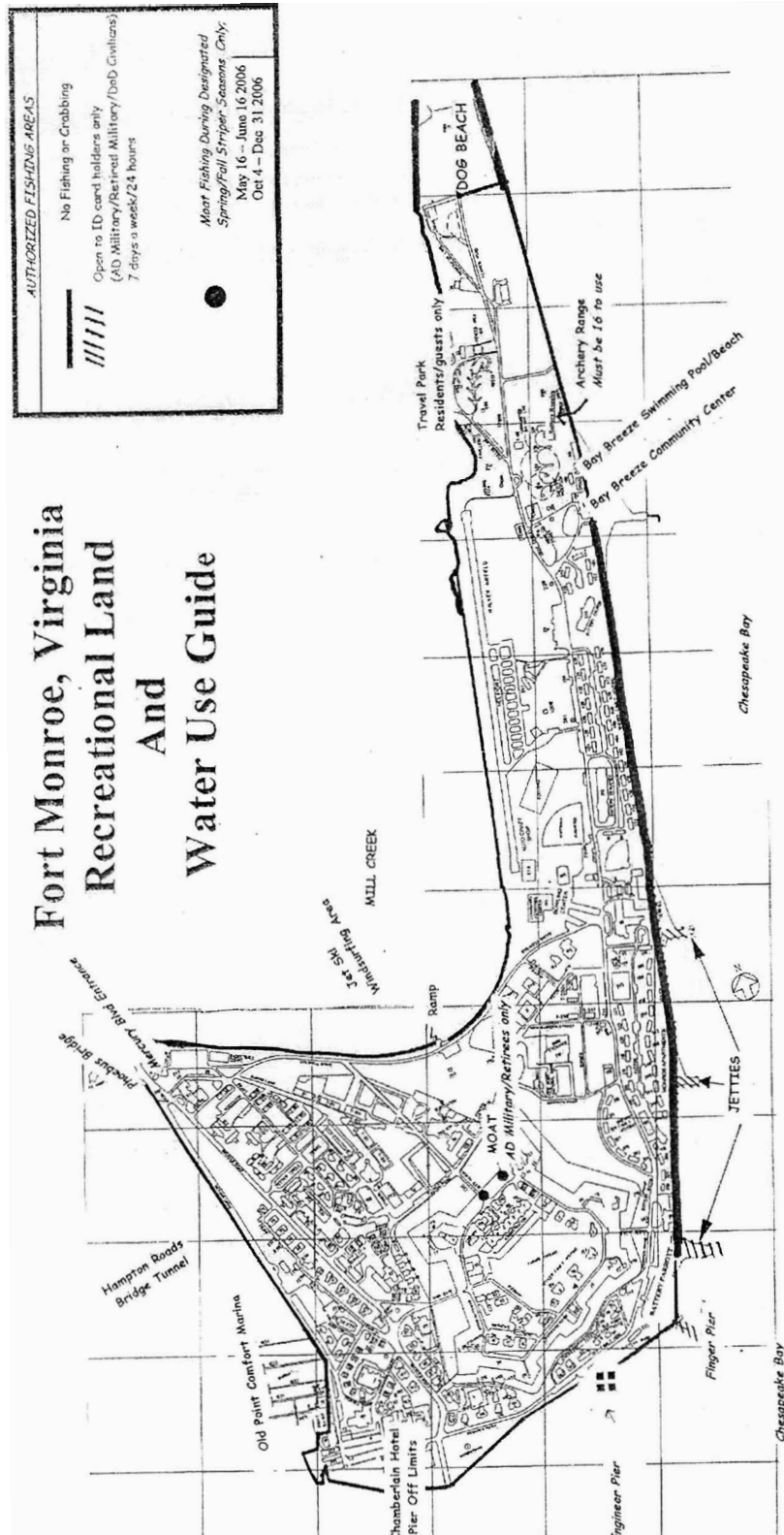


Figure 5-1. Authorized fishing areas.

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(3) Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all Fort Monroe piers, boat ramps, and seawalls.

(4) In coordination with DPTMS, officers from the VMRC, as well as Fort Monroe Military Police(MP), will enforce fishing regulations at all Fort Monroe fishing areas.

6-1. Swimming.

a. Swimming is prohibited in non-designated areas. Waters surrounding Fort Monroe contain severe currents, riptides, and/or underwater debris. Swimming in these areas can cause injury or death. Simple rule: "NO LIFEGUARDS - NO SWIMMING!"

b. Designated swimming areas are-

(1) Bay Breeze Pool. Lifeguards will be present Memorial Day through Labor Day during posted hours.

(2) Bay Breeze Beach. Lifeguards will be present Memorial Day through Labor Day during posted hours.

(3) Swimming is not permitted beyond the boundaries of the designated swimming beach.

c. Off limit areas for swimming: Dog Beach, Mill Creek, moat, jetties, and marina.

d. Wading is not permitted in areas without lifeguards, except as described in paragraph 7-1a below. Wading depth is not to exceed 24 inches or up to individual's knees.

e. Appropriate signs will be displayed defining the limits of each water use area. These signs are directive in nature, and will be obeyed.

f. See FM Circular 215-06-1, Fort Monroe Swimming Facilities and Beach, for policies and procedures. Swimming policies exist solely for your personal safety. Failure to comply may be grounds for administrative action.

g. Any child under 12 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian, who is responsible for the conduct and safety of the child at all times.

h. Eligibility. Swimming areas are established and maintained for active duty military, retired military and their family members, DoD civilians, and invited guests of these personnel.

7-1. Windsurfing.

a. Windsurfers will launch from the shoreline and wade out with their boards. Windsurfers must wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD).

b. Windsurfing activities will be terminated when sustained winds exceed 35 knots. The Military Police will make the determination based on wind conditions. A flag will be located near Mill Creek. If the flag is flying, all windsurfing must cease.

c. Signs will be posted near Mill Creek and Dog Beach displaying windsurfing rules.

8-1. Miscellaneous water sports.

a. Permitted miscellaneous water sports include wind surfing, boating, jet skiing, and catamarans.

b. Prohibited water sports include surfing, water skiing, scuba diving, and spear fishing.

c. Small boats (kayaks, catamarans, canoes, sculls, etc.), jet skis, and other hand carry able personal watercraft may be launched from either Mill Creek boat ramp or from dog beach. All activities involving permitted miscellaneous water sports require wearing of an approved PFD.

d. Towed vehicles are prohibited on beaches. Privately owned watercrafts are not permitted to land on Fort Monroe beaches unless they were launched from Fort Monroe.

e. Old Point Comfort Marina boat ramp is open to the public for a fee.

9-1. Batting practice. Batting practice is restricted to softball fields and the little league baseball field located on Fort Monroe.

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10-1. In-line skating/skateboarding/roller skating.

a. These activities are restricted to non-traffic areas such as the seawall and parking lots. Tennis courts are off limits to skating activities.

b. Recommended skating equipment: Helmet, knee, wrist and elbow pads.

11-1. Driving/chipping golf balls. Driving/chipping golf balls is restricted to open areas on the installation in which golf balls will not cause injury to personnel or damage to property.

12-1. Tennis courts/Soldier Park. Open 0800-2200, daily. Individuals with DoD ID Cards and their families and guests are eligible to use tennis courts and Soldier Park.

13-1. Athletic fields. All athletic fields are available to eligible personnel on a first come, first served basis. Exceptions to this policy are as follows:

a. Reservations may be made by units desiring to use the fields for military only functions.

b. Civilian groups as determined by the Fort Monroe Sports Director, DMWR.

b. Hours of operation: All fields, except DeRussy, 0900-1700; DeRussy Field, 0900-2200.

14-1. Prohibited activities. The following activities are prohibited on Fort Monroe: flying model planes, use of air rifles, go carts, minibikes, rappelling, surfing, scuba diving, spear fishing, running/jogging with headphones, and bicycling without a helmet.

15-1. Exceptions. Personnel requesting an exception to policy or permission to conduct a special recreation event must send their request to Commander, Fort Monroe, 3 Ruckman Road, Bldg 77, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1054.

Appendix A
References

Section I
Required Publications

AR 215-1
Administration of Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities
and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities.

FM Circular 215-06-1
Fort Monroe Swimming Facilities and Beach.

FM Regulation 190-5
Fort Monroe Motor Vehicle Regulation.

Section II
Related Publications

VSC 28.2-226
Exemptions from licensing requirements

VSC 28.2-226.1
Recreational gear license requirements

VSC 28.2-903
Violations constitute misdemeanors

Virginia State Code (VSC) 28.2-302.1
Recreational license required

VSC 28.2-302.2
Recreational license fee; cooperative program

VSC 28.2-302.3
VA Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund established

VSC 28.2-302.4
VA Recreational Fishing Advisory Board established

VSC 28.2-302.5
Exemptions to saltwater recreational fishing license

VSC 28.2-302.6
Temporary license

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VSC 28.2-302.7

Recreational boat; reporting of catch

VSC 28.2-302.8

Head boat or charter boat, rental boats

VSC 28.2-302.9

Commercial fishing pier

VSC 29.1-738

Operating boat or manipulating water skis, etc., in reckless manner or while intoxicated, etc.

VSC 29.1-738.3

Presumptions from alcohol or drug content

Section III

Referenced Forms

DD Form 1805

U.S. District Court Violation Notice.


DA Form 3975

Military Police Report.

Glossary

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| AR | Army Regulation |
| DA | Department of the Army |
| DMWR | Directorate of Welfare, Morale, & Recreation |
| DoD | Department of Defense |
| DPW | Directorate of Public Works |
| FM | Fort Monroe |
| IAW | in accordance with |
| ID | identification |
| MP | military police |
| PFD | personal flotation device |
| PMO | Provost Marshal Office |
| SO | Safety Office |
| VMRC | Virginia Marine Resources Commission |
| VSC | Virginia State Code |

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